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U.S. CATTLE INVENTORY UP 1 PERCENT

LINCOLN, Neb., July 22, 2005 -- All cattle and calves in the United States as of July 1, 2005, totaled 104.5 million head, 1 percent above the 103.6 million on July 1, 2004 and 1 percent above the 103.9 million two years ago.

All cows and heifers that have calved, at 42.8 million, were 1 percent above the 42.5 million on July 1, 2004 and slightly above the 42.7 million two years ago. The 2005 calf crop is expected to be 37.8 million, up slightly from 2004 but down slightly from 2003.

State level data for July has been discontinued.

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